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Materials and methods are disclosed for regulation of biological events such as target gene transcription and growth, proliferation or differentiation of engineered cells.					

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	<p>WO 96 41865 A (ARIAD GENE THERAPEUTICS) 27 December 1996 (1996-12-27) cited in the application page 2, line 12 - page 6, line 7; figure 1 page 10, line 4 - page 16, line 2 page 16, line 34 - page 17, line 11 page 18, line 32 - page 19, line 2 page 19, line 35 - page 32, line 2 page 41, line 1 - page 49, line 5; examples</p> <p>---</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-/-</p>	1-32

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 28-32 and claims 1-27 as far as comprising an in vivo method, are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compounds.
2. Claims Nos.: 1,2 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
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Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest. No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Claims Nos.: 1 2

The substituent in position C22 in formula I in claim 1 has not been defined. Claim 1 has therefore been searched considering formula I substituted in position C22 by the substituent given in the description page 82, formula 4.

Present claim 2 relates to an extremely large number of possible compounds. In fact, the claim contains so many options that a lack of clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. Substituents R12, R4', R5', and R3 are not defined; Substituent RC13 is undetermined when RC28 is a halo substituent; the use of the expression and/or implies that all substituents except moiety a may be undefined. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear, namely the method of claim 2, as disclosed in examples 12, and 13 with compounds 79, 108, 96, 42, 53, and 69.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1 and partially claims 13, 14, 18, 20, 24, 25, and 27-32

Method for multimerizing chimeric proteins in cells by providing cells containing nucleic acid encoding two chimeric proteins comprising respectively a FKBP and FRB domain and at least a heterologous domain and contacting the cells with a rapalog of formula I

2. Claims: 2-12, 15-17, 19, 21-23 and partially claims 13, 14, 18, 20, 24, 25, and 27-32

Method for multimerizing chimeric proteins in cells by providing cells containing nucleic acid encoding two chimeric proteins comprising respectively a FKBP and FRB domain and at least a heterologous domain and contacting the cells with a rapalog of the formula disclosed in claim 2.

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